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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. R. E. Conner died at Boston, Mass., March 1, 1922, aged fifty-three years. He had held pastorates in Universalist churches at Gardner, Waltham, and North Attleboro, Mass., and at Pasadena, Calif., and in Unitarian churches at Gardner and Marlboro, Mass.

Rev. J. N. Mark has resigned at Uxbridge, Mass., to accept a call to Fall River, Mass.

Rev. F. J. Gauld has resigned at Unity Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., to accept a call to Cohasset, Mass.

Rev. W. S. Jones has resigned at Newport, R.I., to accept a call to Portsmouth, N.H.

Rev. Frank W. Pratt has resigned at Richmond, Va., to take effect April 16.

Journeys

The recent speaking engagements of the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Dr. Simons, have been at Northboro, Springfield, Melrose, and Taunton, Mass., Augusta, Me., Summit, N.J., and Troy, N.Y. He has also spoken to the Evening Alliance at the First Church, Boston, and to the Alliances at King's Chapel, Boston, Worcester, and New Bedford, Mass., and to the Laymen's League at Worcester, Mass.

The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Cornish, met speaking engagements at Newburyport and Wellesley Hills, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.

Field Secretary William Channing Brown is at work in Flint, Mich.

Department of Church Extension

We have taken advantage of the presence in Flint, Mich., of Mr. Thomas Mott Osborne to hold a Unitarian mission meeting. Two large audiences greeted Mr. Osborne on March 12th and 13th, and it is interesting to report that both the addresses on Prison Reform and on Unitarianism were held in the Episcopal Church. Mr. Osborne has been described as one of our best missionaries, and he made a deep impression on Flint. Whether or not we have opened the way for a definite movement remains to be seen, but Rev. William Channing Brown is studying the situation with regard particularly to its future promise.

An important accession to our numbers has recently been gained in the action of The Independent Religious Society of Chicago. The Society has voted to affiliate with the Western Unitarian Conference, and to amend the statement of purpose of the Society to include the motto of the Western Unitarian Conference.

Another important accession is noted in the recent action of the Middle West Fellowship Committee in issuing a Fellowship Certificate to the Rev. Preston Bradley of the People's Church, Chicago. Mr. Bradley has built up this Society from its very beginning, and it now has a Sunday attendance of about two thousand.

Preaching missions have been held in many of our churches during the past month, notably Nashville, Germantown, and Boston. A whole circle of such services has been organized in many of our churches in Eastern Massachusetts. Services are being planned for Newburgh, N.Y., and other Mid-Western cities.

Church extension is coming into an intensive period in connection with the Membership Campaign. "Nothing ever did this old parish so much good" is one report. Some churches got started early, but with few exceptions the Easter period will be a stirring time throughout the denomination. The false report of our losses in membership has helped to emphasize our need for better records. Moreover, we are all realizing the new strength coming to us from a more definite spiritual organization.

Department of Religious Education

Arrangements for the Institute of Religious Education to be held at Star Island, July 29 to August 12, are practically completed. Those who attended last year's session will be glad to know that Rev. Hilary G. Richardson will again give a course of lectures on the Old Testament. Equally interesting is the announcement that a course of lectures on the New Testament will be given by Prof. Clayton R. Bowen, Th.D., of the Meadville Theological School. On each day throughout the two weeks Prof. Theodore G. Soares of the University of Chicago will lecture on the underlying principles of religious education. We are especially fortunate in securing Dr. Soares this year. We have tried to do so for several preceding years, but he was unable to come on account of his duties at Chicago. He is not only one of the foremost leaders in the field of religious education, being at present the president of the Religious Education Association, but is a speaker of unusual ability. Dr. Soares, and Mrs. Soares, who will accompany him, will add greatly to the social interest of the Institute. In the same connection should be named Dr. and Mrs. William Byron Forbush, who will be in attendance during the second week. Dr. Forbush has spoken before and with the greatest acceptance not only at our Shoals institutes, but at Meadville and Andover. He is the founder of the Knights of King Arthur and is regarded as one of the foremost authorities on boy-life in America, besides being noted as a writer and lecturer in the field of religious education. Rev. Edwin Fairley, who has become a secretary of the Department of Religious Education during the year, will be a welcome addition to the teaching force of the Institute, as he is to the staff of the Department. He is an expert in the field of general education and will bring to our programs the training and experience that will help us improve the teaching in our schools. Dr. Florence Buck will give five lectures, with demonstrations, on the use of the dramatic method in teaching religion, and Dr. Lawrance will conduct a training-class for superintendents. These courses together with conferences on specific methods in church-school work, conducted by the three members of the staff, will replace the departmental instruction given last year, thus lending variety to the program.

The Evening School for the training of church-school teachers, now being held at the Department headquarters, 16 Beacon Street, Boston, is gratifyingly successful. The desired enroll-

ment of 25 has reached a total of 42; the attendance is uniform, and the interest marked. Every period of the evening's program begins and closes at the sounding of a Chinese gong, that rings at the exact moment, and the lectures and teachers deal directly with practical matters. This school is regarded by many, and with much justification, as one of the most significant enterprises the Department has ever undertaken.

Mr. Fairley has arranged to spend one week out of each month in the Boston office, thus coming into closer contact with the work in its denominational aspect, and assisting materially in the editorial work. He has been instrumental in forming the Metropolitan Conference in New York City and is actively promoting local institutes in his locality. The Secretary of the Department had the privilege of visiting his church school in Flushing, N.Y., in March, and found it, as might have been expected, to be a model of order, interest, and intelligent teaching.

Dr. Florence Buck has preached recently at Marlboro, Hudson, and Westboro, in Massachusetts, and at Washington, D.C. At St. Louis she addressed the Alliances of the two churches in that city and the Alton Branch, and the superintendents, teachers, and friends of the three schools. In Germantown she addressed the Teachers' Conference, the Y. P. R. U., and the Alliance, and at Brookline addressed the Y. P. R. U. Mr. Fairley has spoken at several places, and held an all-day institute at Plainfield, where Dr. Charles R. Gaston, Mr. Edward Aborn, and Prof. George A. Coe also spoke. He has conducted two luncheon meetings of the Metropolitan Conference for Religious Education. At the first, the main address was by Dr. Gaston, and at the second by Dr. Hugh Hartshorne. Dr. Lawrance has preached at Salem, Uxbridge, Mendon, Newburyport, and Concord, Mass., and has made addresses at Meeting House Hill, at Channing Hall, before the Teachers' Conference in Cambridge, and at the Metropolitan Conference in New York.

Committee on Recruiting the Ministry

The following statement has been secured from Rev. Fred R. Lewis, Secretary of the Committee on Recruiting the Ministry, and Secretary also of the Society for Promoting Theological Education.

"At the General Conference in Detroit last October, the Fellowship Committee reported that of the last forty-three men received into the Unitarian ministry not one had been brought up in a Unitarian home. Since then there has been about the usual number of inquiries and applications from ministers of other denominations. Nearly twenty have thus made known their desire to enter our ministry, although for various reasons but few have as yet taken the step. The most marked sign of promise is in the quality and number of young men who in the past few months have turned toward the ministry. Since last August nearly twenty-five such men have become known to the Recruiting Committee. Some of these are in college and some are about to enter college. Two have been lawyers, two connected with banks, one has been a teacher of English in a Western college, one engaged in community service, one in a department store, one in government employment, and others in business. All of these men are good material while several of them are of exceptional promise. Three of these men first planned to enter the ministry of an orthodox church, then forsaking their orthodoxy turned to business, and now on the discovery of our liberal gospel return to their first love of the ministry. Three of these are sons of Unitarian ministers, while at least seven others have been brought up in Uni-

tarian homes. The time is at hand when our ministers will be more and more raised up in our own homes and churches.

"The Recruiting Committee serves as a clearing-house of information, and welcomes knowledge of all prospective students for our ministry. It is giving aid to several students in our theological schools who could not otherwise take the course. It has found benefactors for two young men that they may attend college.

"It is possible that the Post-Office Mission of The Alliance will appoint a special committee to deal with interested ministers of other denominations and with college students. Here is a field that promises much just at this time, and may yield a rich harvest for our ministry in the future.

"Yet another allied agency is the Society for Promoting Theological Education which is able to aid students of any Protestant denomination who shall study at the Harvard Divinity School. Through its efforts five students entered the School last September who would not otherwise have done so. This winter the names of about 1,000 college men who are planning to enter the ministry have been secured and to some 800 of these, letters have been sent explaining the unusual opportunity for theological education offered at Cambridge with its five affiliated theological schools. Replies have been received from about one hundred and thirty of these men, who express a desire to study at Harvard when they shall have completed their college course. Eight have already applied for admission next fall. Whatever denominations these men may later serve will be definitely enriched by the training they will receive at Cambridge.

"A new day is at hand for theological education and for the ministry. Success is bound to be measured more and more in terms of service, and that service will be valuable precisely in proportion as it ministers to the higher and nobler faculties of men. In this new day the ministry of a rational theology cannot have other than a leading part."

The Wayside Pulpit

In answer to frequent communications which we have received, we wish to state that the Wayside Pulpit consists of the following:

1. The Wayside Pulpit itself; that is, the bulletin-board to hold the sheets.

2. Or a set of blue prints and directions, if you have a local builder who will construct it for you.

3. The printed sheets which are changed every week. You will receive fifty-two sheets a year. The Wayside Pulpit preaches all the time.

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A Message from the Sunday School Committee

Last October the central Alliance committee received a cheering letter from the Alliance Sunday School committee of the First Unitarian Church of Spokane, Wash., asking for suggestions for work. Doubtless there are other Sunday School committees that would welcome a word from the central committee.

It is the hope of this committee that there may be a Sunday School committee in every Alliance. In churches in which a committee on Religious Education or a Sunday School committee is already organized, the need of an Alliance committee may not appear urgent, but such a committee may quicken the work of existing committees by a wise coöperation, and in an inobtrusive way may communicate the Alliance spirit to the school.

In churches in which no committee on Religious Education exists, the Alliance Sunday School committee may stimulate the formation of such a committee which may be constituted by choosing three members from the Alliance, three from the Laymen's League, and three from the church at large. The Alliance members of this church committee may well be those who are already serving in this capacity in the Alliance.

It should be clearly understood that the Sunday School committee of The Alliance was formed to work in close harmony with the Department of Religious Education of the American Unitarian Association, and that all the suggestions that it makes have the cordial approval of that department. The many sides of Sunday School work give an ample opportunity for various kinds of helpfulness.

Those who are most familiar with the Sunday School field agree that the coöperation of the home with the school is often weak and needs constant support and strengthening. Here the Alliance committee may help by holding meetings of parents and arousing them to the need of teaching religion in the home, and of coöperating with the church in its teaching. A pamphlet upon "A Committee on Religion in the Home," giving much valuable material for parents, may be obtained at 16 Beacon Street, Boston. The Alliance committee may help the home by distributing this pamphlet judiciously. A second publication, a pamphlet entitled "Bed Time Talks and Prayers," is now being printed by The Alliance for free distribution. The coöperation of the Sunday School committees will be needed in placing these pamphlets in the homes. Sunday School Alliance committees may render a great service by securing persons who will invite to their homes groups of boys and girls in the upper classes of the school. Two or three meetings a year in homes that are able to provide music, show pictures, present interesting books, and give happy entertainment, would do much to strengthen the social bonds of the school.

The committee with the approval of the superintendent of the school may form an adult class,—the Alliance class of men and women,—provide their own leader, meet during the Sunday School hour and help the school by their presence. They may provide a director of music to train the young voices to sing special music at Christmas and Easter and to sing hymns inspiringly at all times. They may inquire into the age and previous ser-

vice of the piano, and arouse an interest in securing the best instrument for the school. They may suggest that the Sunday School rooms be properly cared for, that they have an attractive appearance to the young people as they enter. They may provide new pictures to replace those that are not cheerful in their impression. They may give interesting books. These suggestions given to those in charge in the spirit of a woman making a room attractive for her child will be welcomed by superintendents and teachers and will be the means of establishing friendly relations between the Alliance and the school.

In conclusion, the central committee suggests that each Sunday School committee persuade the Programme committee of the Alliance to give one meeting each year to promoting the work of the Sunday School, either upon the side of the home, or of the school, or of their related interests. At such meetings it is suggested that the parents of young children be especially invited and that provision be made for the care of their children at the church during the meeting.

The Sunday School committee welcomes letters from the various committees, telling the ways in which they are carrying on the work. Please write to the chairman, or to the member of the committee nearest to your section of the country, or to both.

Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, *Chairman,* 11 Wabon St., Boston 21, Mass.

Mrs. Ruth Horton Bensley, 37 Admiral Road, Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. Maro S. Brooks, 69 College Ave., Medford, Mass.

Mrs. E. J. Bryant, Union Village, Woonsocket, R.I.

Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, 5139 Monte Vista St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. A. R. Scott, Maple Drive, Island Home Park, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith, 138 Pond St., South Weymouth, Mass.

Sunday School Committee.

Executive Board

At the meeting held March 10, Miss Lowell presiding, thirty-two were present from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Delaware, and five branch presidents.

The Treasurer reported the need of $3,981 before the end of the year if Appeals are to be completed.

Mrs. Davis was cordially welcomed and reported continued correspondence with workers in many parts of the country.

Miss Lowell, after conducting the devotional service, told of a large and enthusiastic neighborhood meeting at the Second Church, Boston. She announced the formation of two new branches, the Lucy O. Fessenden Branch at Swansboro, N.C., in our Southern Circuit, of five members (*President,* Mrs. Lucy Hill; *Secretary,* Mrs. Lucy Buckmaster; *Treasurer,* Miss Elizabeth Marquand); the Chapel Helpers Branch at Bell Street Chapel, Providence, R.I., which starts with 30 members and Post-Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees (*President,* Mrs. S. G. Dunham, 3 Bell St., Providence, R.I.; *Secretary,* Mrs. George C. Dexter, 732 Plainfield St.; *Treasurer,* Mrs. M. C. Johnson, 37 Charles Field St.).

Miss Lowell announced her plan to leave Boston March 16 for Washington, D.C., Richmond and Lynchburg, Va., Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn. After attending the Southern Conference at Memphis she will visit Louisville, Ky., Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Topeka, and Lawrence, Kan., Sioux City, Des Moines, and Humboldt, Ia., St. Paul, Minn., Iowa City, Davenport, and Keokuk, Ia.

The following names have been

placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. Rebecca S. Young and Mrs. Eva Wanzer Hayward by Third Church Branch, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Henrietta Channing Ellery by the Newport, R.I., Branch; Mrs. Lizzie L. Robbins by the Alliance at Carlisle, Mass.; Mrs. Susan J. Sweetser by First Parish Branch, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Martha C. Johnson, Woburn, Mass., by her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Sprague.

The Library committee reported the loan of a shelf of twenty books to the new church at Niagara Falls, N.Y. Gifts of money for the purchase of books have been received from Athol and Greenfield, Mass.

Mrs. Nichols reported that every branch of the Cheerful Letter work is in excellent condition. There is a continual demand for traveling libraries, 125 of which have been placed this year, and there is need of Bibles of good print.

Miss Sawyer, for the Fellowship committee, reported a new feature of the work, that under the direction of Mrs. Speight literature will be sent to isolated mothers, Fellowship members, to help them in the religious training of their children.

Mrs. Clark, for the Social Service committee, read a letter from Rev. Frederick Hankinson, full of gratitude for the four boxes of *beautiful* and *suitable* clothing received. It is especially acceptable because of the intensely cold weather.

The report of the International committee spoke with great appreciation of the service of one of its members, Miss Abigail F. Taylor, who is able to correspond with our Italian workers in their own language. A Budapest daily paper pays this tribute to the relief work of Mr. Hankinson: "Frankly it is difficult to enumerate all the social achievements initiated by Mr. Hankinson, with aid of the gifts and donations of the English Society of Friends and the English and American Women's Leagues (Alliance) among the refugees. He has six colonies for refugees in different parts of the city. They are all developed from modest surroundings, are excellently organized, and work very well." Mr. Hankinson himself says: "We have established all the organizations in such a way that they may be easily continued. They need no large financial outlay, only honest work. It is the duty of the Hungarian public to supplement them with its own resources."

Miss Helen Tufts was made chairman of the Isles of Shoals committee to arrange for an Alliance meeting in July. Let branches plan now to send delegates.

A letter from Rev. E. Rosalind Lee told of fine opportunities for Friendly Links with Australia. Miss Lee and Miss Hargrove are to remain in Melbourne for several months.

Reports were received from every New England State.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Committee on Young People

Our Juniors gain much in interest and enthusiasm by visiting other groups, and it is to be regretted that the distances in many cases make this impossible. A Junior guest at a recent meeting writes:

On February 7th four of us from Jamaica Plain went to Newton to visit the new Junior Alliance there. The club was composed of girls mostly between the ages of thirteen and sixteen, but this meeting interested the older ones so much that they wanted to join also. It was the first regular meeting they had ever held and the president carried it through very well. Our secretary read our last annual report, our vice-president gave an account of the Christmas party at Bul-

finch Place which she had attended, and our president read a very interesting letter from her Friendly Link in Wales, after which she invited all the Newton Juniors to come to our April meeting. After the meeting was adjourned, members of the Alliance branch served a most delicious supper to the Juniors and their guests, at the close of which a "nest egg" of twenty-five dollars was presented to the Junior treasury by the branch. The girls were all so cordial and hospitable that they made us have a dandy time.

Sanford, Me. I am very glad to give a report of our Junior Alliance. We have a membership of sixteen girls, all between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years. We meet in the church parlor every two weeks, the first and third Thursday of every month, and we pay five cents dues. We have been very busy this winter. In December we had a fancy-work table at the senior Alliance fair and we made over $60, of which we gave $25 to our church. We are planning to buy a bookcase which the Sunday School needs very much. We have socials every month, and just now are rehearsing a play entitled "Coats and Petticoats" which we hope to give next month. We help the senior Alliance all we can, and when they have church suppers, we older girls wait on table and run errands.

Fall River, Mass. We have a membership of eleven with an average attendance of eight. Our meetings are held in the homes of the members, with Mrs. Poole as our leader. We have served lunch to the ladies of the Alliance, and have entertained the Boys' Club with games and dancing. The Alliance president was our guest at one meeting. Candy has been sold at each of the parish suppers, and orders for address-books and Christmas cards have helped to keep our treasury in a healthy condition. Contributions have been sent to Mme. Loyson, the Tuckerman School, the Ministers' Pension Fund, the Unitarian Campaign, and to our senior branch for their Spoon Fund. May baskets were made for the May Festival, filled candy-bags were furnished for the Sunday School Christmas tree, and nineteen towels have been hemmed for the Children's Home.

Swansboro, N.C.

We wish to thank the Alliance branches of Eastern New York and New Jersey, and interested friends, for the most generous gift of a beautiful and sweet-toned piano. The need has long been felt. The piano has added a new incentive both to work and to play. Some one usually plays on the afternoons when the library is open. It also claims a large part of our enjoyment at Tuesday and Friday meetings of young and old. May we here express our gratitude to those who have kindly made possible so much enjoyment?

A word of thanks is also most gratefully due for the organ sent by the Southern Circuit committee to the church at Bear Creek. It arrived just before our Christmas celebration, a Christmas gift to the church, a joy and surprise to all present. This organ was sent to replace an older organ worn out.

Moreover, may we here thank Alliance branches and their members who by their unfailing kindnesses make it possible for the school and for the churches of the Swansboro Circuit to continue their mission of education, service, and worship?

ELIZABETH MARQUAND.

May Meetings

The Alliance will hold two meetings, May 24, Wednesday of Anniversary Week, in Tremont Temple. At 10 A.M. the annual business meeting with

reports and other business will be held. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney will speak on Americanization; Mr. Carl B. Wetherell on Our Work on the Pacific Coast. At 2.30 P.M. the Rev. Paul S. Phalen will conduct a devotional service. There will be addresses by Revs. Frederick M. Eliot, Roger Forbes, Miles Hanson.

On Thursday the usual conferences will take place: Cheerful Letter at 11 A.M. in Channing Hall; Post-Office Mission at 2.30 P.M. at Bulfinch Place Church.

Branches choosing their delegates in April will remember that they are entitled to "one delegate for any number of members under 30, and another delegate for each 30 members additional to the first 30." Only $1 members are eligible to serve as delegates, but a local member may make herself, or be made by her branch, a national member by the payment of the $1 fee.

Now is the time to adopt the excellent custom of paying delegates' expenses to the Anniversary Meetings. Select if possible one who has never been before.

The Monday Conference

At the meeting, March 6, Mrs. Charles Gordon Ames, President for many years of the Alliance of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, gave an earnest exposition of "The Value of the Alliance Study-Program." The assembly of 160 Alliance members, representing 62 different branches, rose to pay tribute to Mrs. Ames as the organizer, in 1880, of the Women's Auxiliary Conference, out of which has grown the present Alliance.

Mrs. Ames urged the following points: 1. Hold fast to the *religious* note and wander less into fields treated by women's clubs and lecture platforms. 2. Choose a general subject for the winter's study and relate each meeting to that subject in a varied but definite way. 3. Depend less upon outside speakers, and encourage the members of the branch to conduct their own programs and discussions; for in this way individual qualities of mind, heart, and religious aspiration are developed.

Mrs. Ames illustrated her talk by reference to programs successfully carried out along these lines for more than thirty years by the Disciples Branch in Boston, which has never lost sight of the original purpose of The Alliance, namely, "to quicken the religious life" of its members and through them to bring to the churches a greater spiritual invigoration.

HELEN C. MCCLEARY,
Secretary.

Monday, April 3, at 10.30 A.M., at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mrs. Clifford B. Hastings will speak on "The Need, in every Church, of a Committee on Religion in the Home." General discussion will follow, and every one interested is welcome to attend. Mrs. Oscar C. Gallagher will preside.

New York League

The meeting held March 3, at All Souls Church, was an Alliance Conference arranged by the standing committees of the League. Mrs. Reinhard A. Wetzel presided. At the morning session Miss Helen Howard of Hingham, Mass., gave a most interesting account of the Carolina School at Shelter Neck, showing the day's schedule from 6.30 A.M. to 9 P.M. of work, study, and exercise. A collection was taken for Carolina School.

The story of the Religion of India was given by a native woman, who also showed pieces of beautiful embroidery done by her countrywomen.

At the afternoon session Mrs. George T. Rice of Westwood, Mass., spoke on various forms of social service which have a particular appeal to women, pleading for a deeper sense of respon-

sibility to the community and for greater coöperation.

Notes from the Field

From Vermont. The ability of our members to write papers, to keep in touch with denominational news through current events, roll call, reading from WORD AND WORK, is a sturdy and fine practice. I sometimes feel that branches near large cities are pauperized, so to speak, by the wealth of material that can be had.

An Evening Alliance for professional and business women has been established in Montpelier, which is uniting the younger women into a fine band of church friends. The result is most satisfactory.

From Maine. There is great need to organize our girls. If we do not provide an organization for the young people in their formative and emotional years, teaching and emphasizing the ideal of religion and faith which we as Unitarians wish to have carried on, some other church will step in and give them other kinds of religious instruction.

The —— Alliance is one of the best organized and best conducted in the State. It has opening services, a fine printed program, a general effect of knowing the why and wherefore of its existence!

Laconia, N.H. The branch held a religious service at the home for the aged, Sunday, March 12. The service was conducted by the Alliance, all the parts being taken by members with the exception of the solos, which were sung by the head master of the high school.

New England Associate Alliance

The annual meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held at Channing Church, Newton, Mass., Thursday, April 20. The morning session will begin at 10.30 and there will be addresses by Revs. Fred Alban Weil and Ben Franklin Allen. Miss Lydia Holman will tell of work in the North Carolina Mountains, and Mrs. Jeanette B. Damon, the Unitarian work at Shelter Neck, N.C. Collection for Carolina Industrial School.

The afternoon session will begin at 2.30. The address will be given by the Rev. John N. Mark. The choir of Channing Alliance will sing.

Social Service Committee

An earnest appeal has gone to the branches from the Social Service committee for information about the activities of our churches in this line. We are reminded that we stand for "worship and service." Will every branch president give this matter her careful attention and help to make the returns complete and accurate?

Services and Hymns for Alliance Meetings

The new series is now ready. Orders may be sent to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The price is 5 cents each. No reduction on large orders.

In response to numerous requests, typewritten copies have been made of the letter written by Mrs. Howard W. Bracken, telling of the life and work at Shelter Neck, N.C. Mrs. Bracken wrote this letter to her own Alliance, of the Second Church, Boston, and it was read at their guest day. Those present felt that it was a wonderfully vivid story of the work done in our Southern Circuit. Copies will be loaned from headquarters.

Appeals stand as follows:

Carolina Industrial School	$870
Southern Circuit	344
Japan Mission	295
Jacksonville, Fla.	247
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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Iowa City, Ia. This Y. P. R. U. is a group of students in a university center. They hold their meeting every Sunday evening. They are able to draw from the university faculty for their speakers, and these lectures are followed by discussion. Subjects considered have included "The Significance of Immigration in American History," "The Rise of Imperialism," and "The Adventure Magnificent."

Lincoln, Neb. The students conduct their meetings and furnish the programs themselves. They have discussed such problems as "British Labor," "Efficiency of Democracy," and Wells's "Undying Fire," and have held discussions upon the important topics of the day.

Omaha, Neb. First Unitarian "Pioneers" meet on the first Sunday of each month. One of the group prepares a paper which is read and discussed after the lunch.

Boston, Mass.—King's Chapel. The Freeman Club was formed to bring all interested in Unitarianism into closer fellowship. It meets every Sunday night at the King's Chapel House, and carries on the work which has been done for several years by the King's Chapel House, which was to open the house every Sunday evening to students and others who are away from home that they might meet people of similar interests and spend a social evening. This club seeks to unite young men and women in allegiance to the ideals of the Liberal Church.

Fitchburg, Mass. Y. P. R. U. takes a just pride in the fact that one of its members won the first prize for his paper on "Why I am a Unitarian" in the country-wide competition under the auspices of the Laymen's League.

Lancaster, Pa. These young people are paying for the printing of the church calendar.

West Somerville, Mass. The young people have taken entire charge of the Sunday-school and have provided the Superintendent and all teachers.

Boston, Mass.—Second Church. Emerson Guild owns a pew in the church, where they may sit together. This year it became necessary to own three pews to accommodate the young people wishing to attend the services.

Hanska, Minn. These young people have bought a $500 piano for the church, replaced the stone steps, and formed a volunteer choir for the church.

Buffalo, N.Y. The young people took entire charge of the morning service on Young People's Sunday, January 22. The President gave a talk on the work of the Y. P. R. U. On Friday of the same week, one of the "47 Workshop" plays, "Three Pills in a Bottle," was given.

HEADQUARTERS

At the last Board meeting it was reported that $1,650 was realized as the net proceeds of Young People's Week. This included collections on Young People's Sunday, play performances, and dance. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Frederick Packard, Jr., chairman of the play, and to Mr. Henry Anderson, treasurer, and to all members of the cast who did so much to make the play a success.

Anniversary Week. Sunday, May 21, 4.45 to 5.45, young people's vesper service at King's Chapel, conducted by young people. Friday, May 26, at 3 P.M., twenty-sixth annual business meeting.

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